

## ***Odyssey Vocabulary***

### **Books 1-12**

**timorous** (adj) – timid, fearful about the future

**temerity** (noun) – reckless confidence that might be offensive

**hubris** (noun) – excessive pride or arrogance; leads to downfall of a hero

**self-effacing** (adj) – tending to be modest about achievements and avoiding undue attention

**insolent** (adj) – showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect

**carouse** (verb) – drink alcohol and enjoy oneself with others in a noisy, lively way

**travail** (noun) – work that involves hard physical effort over a long period

**squander** (verb) – waste (something, esp. money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner

**impetus** (noun) – something that provides energy or motivation to start or accomplish a goal

**placate** (verb) – to make one less angry or hostile by doing/saying things designed to please

**ruse** (noun) – a clever trick or plot used to deceive others

### **Books 13-24**

**flout** (verb) – to show contempt for a law or convention by openly disobeying or defying it

**indignation** (noun) – annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment/situation

**vagrant** (noun) – a person without a settled home who wanders and lives by begging

**egregious** (adj) – conspicuously bad or offensive to an extraordinary degree

**suppliant** (noun) – someone who is pleading to another to grant a request

**besieged** (verb) – to surround with armed forces; to press with requests

**portent** (noun) – ominous or prophetic indication of things to come

**formidable** (adj) – difficult to deal with or overcome

**reprisal** (noun) – strong or violent retaliation in response to an enemy's action

**rectify** (verb) – to put something right, to fix

**superfluous** (adj) – unnecessary; in excess of what is needed